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SUBJ: GOM MINDEF COMMENTS ON POSSIBILITY OF UK TROOP WITHDRAWAL

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2351

1. IN MAY 20 SPEECH MALAY DEFENSE MINISTER DATUK HAMZAH ABU SAMAH COMMENTED ON VISIT TO MALAYSIA OF UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE RODGERS. OBSERVING THAT LABOR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING REDUCTION OF BRITISH TROOPS OVERSEAS TO CUT EXPENDITURES, HAMZAH SAID QUOTE IF ONLY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE INVOLVED THEN THE COST OF MAINTAINING TROOPS IN SINGAPORE WILL NOT BE THAT MUCH. BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN THE FIVE-POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT (FPDA) WOULD NOT BE SO EFFECTIVE IF IT WITHDREW ITS TROOPS. THERE IS NO POINT IF THE DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT IS NOT FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY

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ENFORCED. END QUOTE.

2. HAMZAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT FPDA USEFUL TO MALAYSIA BOTH AS DETERRENT TO WOULD BE ATTACKER AND BECAUSE IT GIVES MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN JOINT EXERCISES ESPECIALLY THE INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. HE ADDED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD LIKE FPDA TO CONTINUE UNTIL CONCEPT OF NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA COULD BE PHASED IN, ESPECIALLY AFTER SUPERPOWERS ACCEPT CONCEPT.

3. FINALLY, HAMZAH NOTED THAT RODGERS HAD SAID UK WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO SEND SOLDIERS TO MALAYSIAN JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL IN JOHORE. BUT, HAMZAH CONCLUDED, GOM WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER THIS ARRANGEMENT IF UK WITHDREW ITS TROOPS FROM THE REGION.

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